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COMMENTS INVITED ON MINNESOTA (REGION 22)
800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT
(PR DOCKET NO. 93-130)

Comment Date: August 9, 2005

Reply Date: August 24, 2005

On May 13, 2005, the Region 22 (Minnesota) 800 MHz (821-824/866-869 MHz) Regional Planning Committee¹ submitted a proposed amendment to the Region 22 Minnesota National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Plan for review and approval.² The proposed amendment documents the new and revised channel assignments necessary to accommodate Phase 2 and Phase 3 requirements of Minnesota's Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system, a statewide trunking system.³ The proposed Plan amendment coordinates over 200 channels for locations in an area covering 36 counties, the details of which are set forth in Tables 1 through 7.⁴ In summary, the amendment includes the following:

- New assignments utilizing fifty-six guard and unassigned channels;
- Formerly unassigned channels are now categorized as unused channels;
- Modified NPSPAC assignments to minimize potential interference, and promote efficient use

¹ Region 22 consists of the State of Minnesota.

² See Letter dated April 12, 2005, from Andrew W. Terry, Region 22 Chairman, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Amendment to Minnesota NPSPAC Plan) filed May 2, 2005 (Plan Amendment). Subsequently modified by letter dated May 4, 2005 from Andrew W. Terry, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (resubmitting Plan Amendment to correct a typographical error in Table 7 – *Wisconsin Border Channel Conflict Resolution Plan*), filed May 13, 2005.

³ See Plan Amendment, Attachment – Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER), Minnesota Department of Public Safety Information Sheet, September 2004.

⁴ See Plan Amendment, Table 1 – Unassigned and Guard Channel Assignments; Table 2 – Unused Channel Assignments; Table 3 – Chicago and Isanti County Integrated System (6 additional channels); Table 4 – Scott and Carver County Integrated System (5 additional channels); Table 5 – Dakota County (4 additional channels); Table 6 – Region 22 Channel Reassignments, and Table 7 - *Wisconsin Border Channel Conflict Resolution Plan*.

of the channels;

- Assignments in Table 7 to resolve Wisconsin/Minnesota border conflicts, and ensure that Wisconsin border counties are assigned adequate channels, and
- Assignments to the ARMER (Phase 2) for expansion of the Metropolitan system to include additional local government participation, with Phase 3 assignments to facilitate expansion approximately 35 miles beyond the Metropolitan seven counties.

The proposed amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, Minnesota's adjacent regions, Region 15 (Iowa); Region 32 (North Dakota); Region 38 (South Dakota) and Region 45 (Wisconsin).

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.⁵ The Region 22 Plan, was originally adopted by the Commission in July 1993, and was amended in October 2000.⁶

Prior to taking action on the Region 22 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the proposed Region 22 Plan Amendment on or before August 9, 2005 and reply comments on or before August 24, 2005. All comments should reference PR Docket 93-130, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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The Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.⁷ Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, interested parties should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Filings and comments are also

⁵ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁶ See In the Matter of Minnesota Public Safety Plan, PR Docket No. 93-130, *Order*, 8 FCC Rcd 4850 (1993); Wireless Telecom Action, Minnesota (Region 22) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its Public Safety Plan, PR Docket 93-130, *Public Notice*, 15 FCC Rcd 19320 (WTB PSPWD 2000).

⁷ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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